Deputy President.—That may be.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—So, whenever anything comes before the Committee, it comes before the Government.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—When a thing takes shape it will be put before the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—So, nothing has taken a definite shape, and nothing has been placed before the Government. May I ask when the offers came to the Director of Public Instruction as the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and whether they were placed before the Government ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The Committee did not think it right to place it before the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem.— What is the meaning of the word 'right' ? The only question is whether the Government have taken any steps. The answer is 'none'.

Deputy President.—Government have nothing except this information to give.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know whether the Government have received any offers ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Government have not received any proposals. The Chairman of the Economic Development Committee may have received some. But the Government have not received any.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am askingwhether the Committee has put any proposals before the Government. You said they were all rejected.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The Member is referring to answers which are given here. It is a sheer waste of time of the House.

Mr. A. B. Salem —Mere shirking of duty this is.

Deputy President.—You can ask supplementary questions with regard to this answer.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What is the use of my asking questions if they do not give me any definite answer ?

Deputy President.—It is not a supplementary question.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Then my question is, may I know from the Director of Public Instruction whether these offers have been placed before the shareholders of the Company ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—We have not placed.

44. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they intend working the Cochin Tanneries, Ltd., in future;

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(b) whether the Company had any offers from anybody to work it or to take it on lease or to purchase it;

(c) if the answer to question (b) is in the affirmative, how many such offers there were and what the nature of such offers were?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a), (b) and (c). Vide answer to question No. 41.

Olarikkara Aided School.

45. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) when was grant first given to an aided school at Olarikkara under the management of David Cheriankandath Kada;

(ii) what are the names of the neighbouring schools and how far is each of them from this school;

(iii) what was the report of the Inspectress of Schools with regard to the necessity of this school;

(iv) were there any complaints about this school from the managers of the neighbouring schools; if so, from whom and what was the nature of the complaint;

(v) is the Manager David Cheriankandath Kada of the Olarikkara School the same individual known as C. R. Devassi, the Parvathiam of the village;

(vi) was the acting Parvathiam C. R. Devassi made permanent when the Diwan Peishkar got orders of the Government sanctioning his prosecution;

(vii) had Mr. C. R. Devassi encroached on poramboke lands when his house was constructed at Aranattukara; how was that matter closed?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(i) In Chingam, 1103.

(ii) Malayalam School, Arimpur, Saraswathi Vilasom Girls' School, Chettupuzha St. Anne's Girls' School, West Fort; Malayalam Girls' School, Aranattukara and St. John's School, Aranattukara—all these are more than a mile distant from the Olarikkara School.

(iii) The school is not in the jurisdiction of the Inspectress.

(iv) Yes, from the Manager of the Saraswathi Vilasom Girls' School, Chettupuzha. The objection was that the strength of his school would be affected by the opening of the new school.

(v) The department had no necessity to inquire about the identity of the two names and no enquiry was therefore made.

(vi) The question does not arise as no Parvathiam was specifically ordered to be prosecuted.

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